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PSC SCHEDULES OCT. 19 MEETINGS ON
PACIFICORP SALE TO FLATHEAD ELECTRIC

Public Service Commisioner Bob Rowe will hold public meetings on October 19 in Kalispell and Libby to provide information and obtain comments from affected customers about the proposed sale by PacifiCorp of its electric distribution facilities in Montana to Flathead Electric Cooperative.

Representatives of the PSC, PacifiCorp, Flathead Electric and the Montana Consumer Counsel will participate in the meetings to answer questions about the proposed sale. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Libby - Monday, October 19, at noon, Ponderosa Room at City Hall.

Kalispell - Monday, October 19, 7:15 p.m., Courthouse East, conference room #1, 723 5th Ave. E.

The PSC is investigating the announced sale and will decide by October 30 whether to approve it. The PSC will determine if the sale is in the public interest and will evaluate the proposed transaction between PacifiCorp and Flathead Electric and the effects of the sale on PacifiCorp's Montana customers.

"The meetings wil provide Flathead and Lincoln County citizens their first detailed look at the proposal," according to Rowe. "Bring your comments and bring your questions. We'll do our best to get them answered."

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